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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5250

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: E&E PLANNING

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ALL E&E STEPS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH REGARD TO INTERNAL OPERATIONS, AND COORDINATION WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN JIDDA, RIYADH, AND DHAHRAN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ALERT TO DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY AFFECT LOCAL SECURITY SCENE.

2. DCM TOLD OCT 20 BY COMMANDING OFFICER PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES (PSF) FOR WESTERN REGION, MAJOR GENERAL BARAZANJI THAT ROYAL DECREE JUST ISSUED TO PSF TO (A) IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN US EMBASSY, US BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN JIDDA, AND SECURITY FORCES; AND (B) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY IF NEEDED. GENERAL REQUESTED (AND WAS GIVEN) LIST OF NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF MAJOR US FIRMS IN JIDDA AREA. GENERAL STRESSED THAT SAG FELT THERE NO PARTICULAR CAUSE FOR ALARM, BUT -- MINDFUL OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS HOST TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY -- WISHED

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DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO DISPELL ANY LINGERING CONCERN ABOUT

SECURITY THAT AMERICANS IN JIDDA MIGHT FEEL. (GENERAL WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US BANKS IN JIDDA; WE SUPPOSE BANK OF AMERICA INCIDENT IN BEIRUT IN BACK OF HIS MIND).

3. DCM THANKED GENERAL BARAZANJI WARMLY FOR CONCERN THAT ALL SAUDI OFFICIALS HAD SHOWN IN RECENT WEEKS FOR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF US COMMUNITY IN SAUDI ARABIA; HE ASSURED GENERAL THAT HE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT THAT GENERAL CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

4. WHEN DCM ASKED IF EMBASSIES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS OF OTHER NATIONS WERE ALSO COVERED BY ROYAL DECREE, GENERAL REGRETTED HE COULD NOT SAY SINCE THAT "WAS A SECRET." HE WOULD LET DCM KNOW, HOWEVER, OF ANY FURTHER SECURITY STEPS PSF FELT MIGHT AT SOME POINT BE ADVISABLE.

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